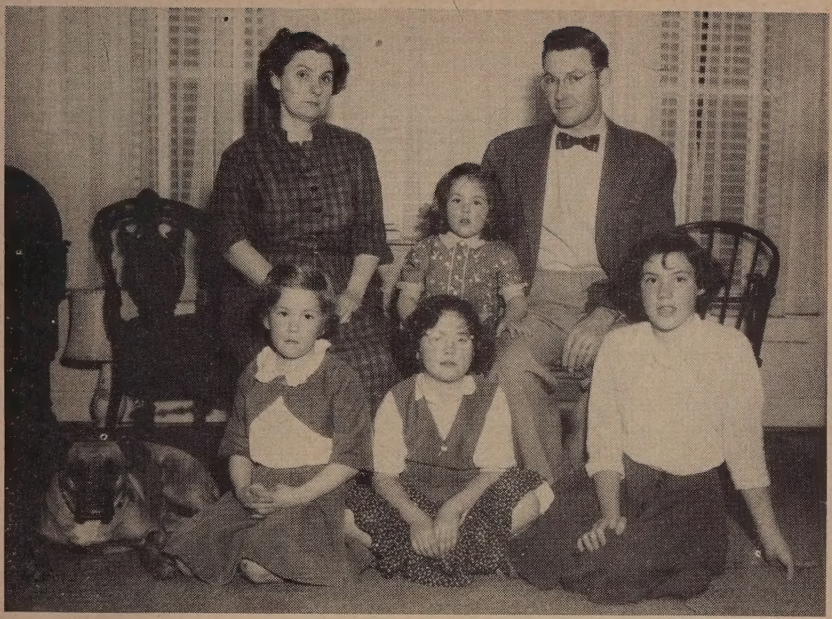

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May 4, 5 and 6, 1956

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Manhattan, Kansas

CONGREGATIONAL KANSAS

APRIL • 1956

In Memory

The Rev. George D. H. Norcross, Congregational Minister, passed from this life in a Salina hospital on March 10 at the age of 70. At the time of his death he was serving the Methodist Church at Lucas, Kansas. Previously he served Congregational Churches at Arkansas City, Wakefield and Russell. A brief service was held at the Methodist Church on the evening of March 10, and the funeral was held on March 14 at Dayton, Tennessee, their former home. He is survived by his wife, Luella, one son, J. D., of Hutchinson and two grandchildren.

The Rev. Robert D. Brodt, E and R Minister who served our Eureka Church 1943-45 passed away on January 14, in Chicago where he was minister of Peace Memorial E and R Church. He was aware of a heart ailment, but died suddenly the day before he and his wife were to leave for a rest-vacation. He leaves his wife Helen Jane, and three children.

The Rev. Leon E. Grubaugh, for the past 14 years Superintendent of the Congregational Christian Conference of Colorado, died on March 10 of a heart attack, according to a wire received the afternoon following his death. We have received no further details.

Born

Anthony David (Tony) Paff, at Wesley hospital in Wichita on March 13, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Elmo Ray Paff of our new South Central Congregational Church in Wichita. Tony joins brothers, Toby 12 and Lester 10, and sisters Rachel 8, and Lois 4.

Error

On page 14 of the February issue, we gave the average attendance at Kansas City First Pilgrim as 103; it should have read 183.

Our Cover Picture

Meet the Keeney's - Marian and Bill with Janet 10, Elizabeth 9, Marian Cecile 7 and Carol 4, with Bretta the boxer, their constant companion. They will be our hosts at State Conference on May 4, 5 and 6 in Manhattan.

South Central Wichita

Response to the appeal for funds to buy equipment for our new Wichita Church, as we go to press:

K.C. Welborn S. S.	$170.00
Levi Zimmerman	20.00
Mrs. Carl Althaus	5.00
Gaylord Primary Dept.	20.00
Stanley	10.00
Maize Sunday School	5.00
Hutchinson	18.75
Topeka Central Sr. P.F.	$100.00

Attendance and interest are on the increase. Morning Worship has reached 88 and Church School, 86. Meetings are still being held in the halls of Wilson School, but hope runs high for moving to the new building in May. As we go to press, 31 charter members have joined the church and others are joining at Easter time.

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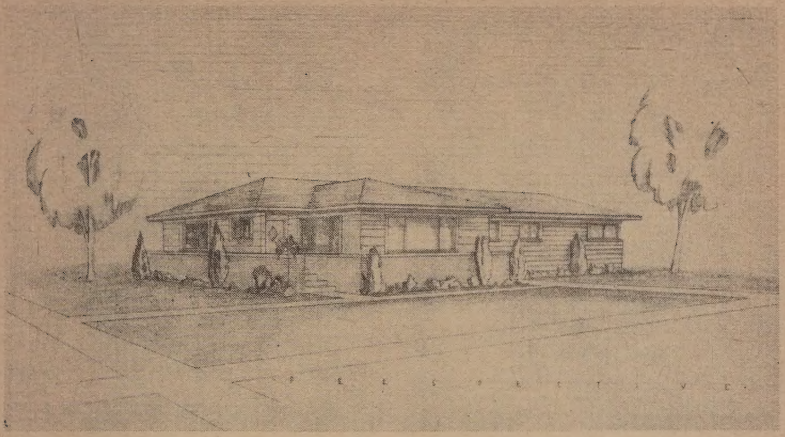

Architect's Drawing

Russell's New Parsonage

On March 15 the Board of Trustees of our Russell Congregational Church let bids for a new modern parsonage to cost approximately $28,500.00. In addition to the eight room parsonage area, which will include three bedrooms, two bathrooms, and a utility room, the new structure will have a pastor's study and secretary's work room on the ground floor. The basement will include three large class rooms and an assembly area for the Senior Department of the Church School. Entrances, entirely separate will lead to the church used area and the residence - the church entrance on the north and the parsonage entrance on the west. Our Russell Church was the first in the state to be air conditioned and plans call for air conditioning in the new building also.

On Old Parsonage Site

Immediately after Easter the Rev. Hans Poppe and family will move into an apartment. The present parsonage, one of the town's oldest dwellings, built in 1879, across the street from the church, will be torn down to make room for the new. Mrs. Ralph Ewing, Church Historian, in a recent issue of "The Russell Record", notes the difference then and now: "In the seventies, ministers seemed to have to fend for themselves - they were called to serve, and then the eternal problems of finances made it necessary for them to rent or build their own homes, and often take on other remunerative jobs. Today we find interested lay people, planning, working and giving so that their minister may live in a manner suitable to his professional dignity . . . The present day method of energetic laymen working in cooperation with their minister seems like the dawn of a new era in keeping with the increased interest in all church affairs."

Laymen's Fellowship

Carl Althaus — President

Officers Meet

The State and Association Laymen's Fellowship officers met recently for a Planning Meeting following a Sunday dinner at the Rymph home. Items of business included program and promotion plans for State Conference; plans for the State-wide Churchmanship Workshop to be held September 22 and 23 at Topeka First; plans for delegates to attend an International Seminar in Chicago in late May; and discussion of an increased budget to make possible an expanding program. Present for the meeting were: Ralph Ewing, Charles Armstrong, Bob Rymph, Lee Schmeil, Carl Georgeson, Orville Hepler and the Rymph's.

American Board Seminar

May 25-27 in Chicago, the American Board is sponsoring an International Seminar for laymen from the Midwest area. Top flight leadership from the American Board and the very best Nationals available will be present to interpret Board enterprizes around the world. The following laymen, carefully chosen because of their interest in the church and their positions in key offices, will represent Kansas: Daniel R. Hopkins, of Garden City; Orval Reeves of Kansas City Welborn; Harry Hicks of Manhattan; Charles Aeschliman of Sabetha; Frank Good of Wichita Plymouth and George Lehmberg of McPherson.

CALLING ALL LAYMEN!

Attend First Week-end
STATE CONFERENCE
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Whitewater Men

About one hundred and fifty attended the Mother-Dauhter Banquet, served by the Men's Club, at Whitewater Federated Church on April 13. On March 23, a Father-Son Banquet was well attended with Si Lewis, Master of Ceremonies. The men recently gave $75.00 to help purchase a movie projector for the church.

Colonial Church - Minute Men

"Bear Hunting In Alaska" films shown by Arthur C. Popham, Jr., Director of the Kansas City Museum, made an interesting program for the annual Father-Son banquet held at the church on March 2.

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Getting Acquainted

On April 8 the Rev. Martin Ernst of Wichita First E and R Church, exchanged pulpits with the Rev. R. Banks Blocher of our Eureka Church. On April 19 the women of the Wichita Church were guests of our Eureka Guild.

Also on April 8 the Rev. S. Duane Ogden of Sabetha exchanged with the Rev. John Kochner of the Fairview E and R.

Wichita Fairmount Roll Call

It was a heart-warming experience when almost 300 members of the church gathered in the sanctuary for a Roll Call meeting. They were seated according to years when they joined the church with living members dating back to 1895. Keith Thompson, Moderator, called the roll. Dr. and Mrs. L. M. Rymph and their two sons Bob and Bill, with their families, were present for the occasion. Dr. Rymph served Fairmount Church as pastor from 1927 to 1939.

Wa-Shun-Ga Days Are Here Again!

New Concrete Swimming Pool

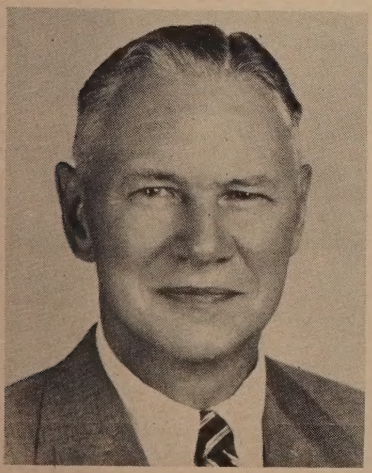
Welcome news to one and all is that the old mud-bottom swimming area at Camp Wa-Shun-Ga will be replaced this summer by a new concrete pool being built south of the baseball diamond. The length, 82 feet and 2 inches is standard for swimming races; the shallow end, ranging in depth from 3 to 5 feet, is 52 feet long and 45 feet wide; the pool narrows in width to 20 feet at the other end, with the deepest area 9 feet. The new pool, built by Paddock Company of Oklahoma, will feature submarine as well as top lighting. If this all sounds too good to be true - some and see! We have all loved WA-SHUN-GA in spite of the poor swimming facilities, but word from the Rev. George Search of Atchison, Chairman of the Lutheran Camp Committee, about this wonderful improvement is like a dream come true. We just had to tell you about it.

George and Vesta Gilchrist

Our guests for all three weeks, pictured below, look as exciting as the new pool sounds. Having served 19 years as minister and wife in Bethany Congregational Church in Quincy, Mass., they took leave in 1954 to "travel with a purpose". For eight months they visited our Mission stations in the Near East, Greece, Italy and France. They spent a month visiting Biblical sites throughout Jordan and Israel. On Easter Sunday, last year, Mr. Gilchrist preached in Nazareth. They have some 1500 beautiful kodachrome slides of their pilgrimage.

Registration and Cost

The total cost, if advance registrations reach Topeka by May 21st, is $16.50. Please use the registration blanks furnished, a different sheet for



each camp, giving all the information called for. Send with $2.00 for each camper to Mrs. L. M. Rymph, 923 Kansas Avenue, Topeka. The total cost includes insurance for all.

THREE CAMPS

Senior High: May 27 - June 2; directed by Uncle Ray Jones.

First Junior Hi Camp: June 3-9 directed by Uncle George Fisk for next year's 8th and 9th graders.

Second Junior Hi Camp: June 10-16 directed by Uncle Bill Bryant for next year's 7th and 8th graders.

SEE YOU AT CAMP WA-SHUN-GA!

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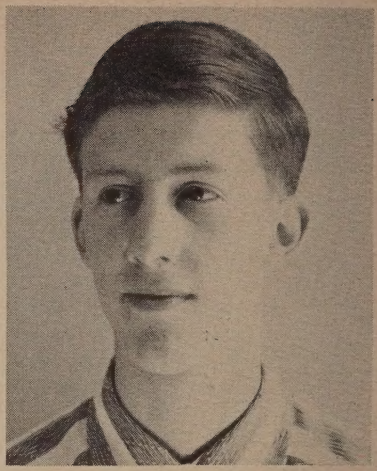
Christian Action Pledges

Pictured below are Danny Deever and Pat Rozema of Topeka First making candles. What for? They sold them at Christmas time and cleared $38.75 which they applied on their pledge. Has your P.F. made a pledge? Is it paid? Only a little while until camp when we call the roll. Send your money to Aunt Ruth Rymph, State P.F. treasurer, at the conference office, before camp, if possible.



David Heath
National Council Delegate

Southern Rally

To be held at Anthony with Uncle Merton Rymph and his Pilgrims, on April 14 and 15. Dick Williams is President and Ann Thompson is Secretary.

U.C.Y.M. Camp Wood Conference

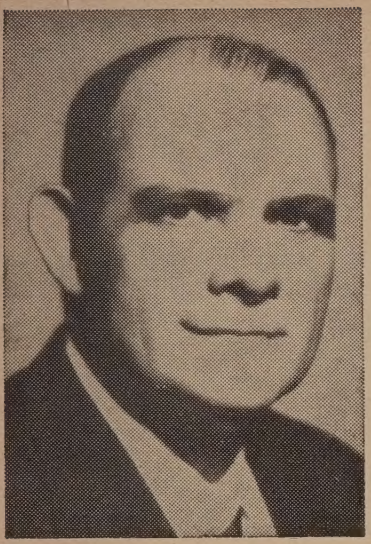
This conference is open to all Senior P.F.'ers who are interested in the Youth Work of the larger fellowship. The dates - July 24-28. Learn more about it at Camp Wa-Shun-Ga.

Camp Money

Maple Hill Pilgrims served chili to more than 100 people recently and cleared $56.00 for their camp fund. Dick Hoobler is president and Jack Warren, sponsor.

Lenten Services

Lawrence Plymouth Pilgrims held Lenten services one morning each week before school. At Osborne, the young people met each Wednesday noon during Lent.



Dr. Eugene Carson Blake

Kansas Council of Churches

Annual Assembly May 6-8

Following our State Conference Session the Kansas Council of churches will hold their annual meeting also in Manhattan. The assembly will open with a Sunday evening Mass meeting at the First Methodist Church at 7:30 P.M. Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, President of the National Council of Churches, will be the Guest speaker. Dr. Blake, an outstanding Presbyterian minister, was elected to his present post in 1954. He just returned on March 23 from Russia where he was one of eight U. S. Protestant leaders to make a study of the Russian situation.

It is our hope that many of our Conference delegates will choose to stay over for at least a part of this state-wide meeting of inter-denominational significance. Our Manhattan Conference Hospitality Committee has indicated that delegates who desire to stay, could probably be placed in homes where additional lodging could be arranged.

William B. Bryant Leaving

Plymouth Church, Lawrence, and many friends in the Conference are sorry to learn that the Rev. Wm. B. Bryant, for the past three years Assistant Minister at Lawrence Plymouth, will leave in June to become Associate Minister of our Congregational Church at Manhasset, Long Lsland. Bill has done an outstanding piece of work at Lawrence, greatly strengthening the Church School and Youth Work. He has also been most cooperative in the work of the conference; giving leadership in camp this year as Director of the new Junior Hi Camp. He has been Sponsor of Eastern Association Pilgrim Fellowship and Chairman of the Committee on Campus Ministry.

The church in Manhasset is one of the strongest in our fellowship with a membership of 2600 and a strong youth prorgam. Our loss is Manhasset's gain. "God's Speed" Bill and Marilyn Bryant.

Installation Service

Sunday, April 22, has been set as the date for an Installation Service for the Rev. Charles Lee Burns, Associate Minister of Wichita Plymouth. Following the installation, Plymouth Church will be host to a three-day Research Seminar in which outstanding youth leaders across the country will share.

First Week-End State Conference — Fir

Theme: "The Cause

Opening Sessions

Following registration and fellowship at 4:30 Friday afternoon, May 4, the one hundred and first annual meeting of the Conference will begin with a Fellowship Dinner where Mr. Levi Zimmerman, Conference Moderator, will introduce Mrs. Mary Fiebiger, who will speak.

The Luchnokaia Ceremony presented by the Kansas State Chapter of Sigma Eta Chi will open the evening worship service in the sanctuary of the First Congregational Church. In keeping with the Conference theme, "The Cause of Christ, I Make My Own," the Rev. Fred Hyslop of Greeley, representative of the Prudential Committee of the American Board, will speak, using as his subject: "Sent of God."

Full Day Saturday

Saturday Morning sessions will feature the Conference Sermon by the Rev. Hans Poppe and an address on the History, Geography and Program of the E and R Fellowship by the Rev. J. Kenneth Kohler, in addition to the conference and association business meetings. Conference officers, as well as General Council delegates, will be elected at these sessions. Sectional meetings following lunch will help bring laymen, ministers and women's fellowship members up to date on planning and programs. A Fellowship Tea, served in Pioneer Hall by the Manhattan women, will precede a general session when the Rev. Walter Dobler will speak on "How is the Christian Family Different?"

MEN'S CHORUS — N

egational Church, Manhattan, May 4, 5 and 6

I Make My Own" ——

Laymen's Night

At the Conference Dinner to be held Saturday evening at the Methodist Church, Professor C. M. Correll, layman from the host church, will preside. At the evening session in the

man of our First Congregational Church at Emporia.

Sunday Mass Meeting

Because large delegations from over the state are expected for the Sunday sessions, the new city auditorium at

E AND R CHURCH

Congregational Church sanctuary, laymen will be seated in a body in the center section. Mr. Carl Althaus, President of Kansas Laymen's Fellowship will preside and the Men's Chorus of 35 voices from the New Basel E and R Church near Elmo, will lead in worship with a program of music. Mr. Melvin Struck is Director of the Chorus and the Rev. Melvin Lichte is minister of the church. The evening address on the theme, "The Larger Perspective" will be given by Dr. Thomas P. Butcher, leading surgeon and lay-

12th and Poyntz has been secured. A morning meditation by the Rev. S. J. Williams at 8:45 will be followed by the brief Memorial Service conducted by the Rev. J. D. Schmidt assisted by Mrs. E. H. Herrick. Sup't L. M. Rymph will preside at the morning service at the auditorium at 10 A.M., where Mrs. Gordon Lancaster will be in charge of the Dedication of the Woman's Gift and Mrs. Mary Fiebiger will bring the sermon on "The Working of His Power". Dinner will be served at the new Student Union

Building on the campus for all who make advance registrations. Others are invited to bring a basket dinner to the City Park adjacent to the auditorium.

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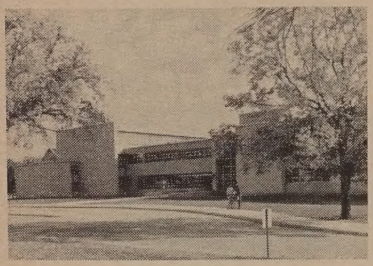


New Student Union Building

The afternoon session at the City Auditorium will begin with a panel discussion at 1:30 P.M. Dr. Bryan Stoffer, President of Washburn University, will chair the panel on "Training For Tomorrow." Members of the panel include the Rev. Chas. Burns, Associate Minister of Wichita Plymouth; Dr. Donald Typer, President of Doane College; Mr. Harold Kannarr, Congregational Student Fellowship at K-State; the Rev. Ned Burr McKenney, Chairman of the Conference Committee on the Ministry.

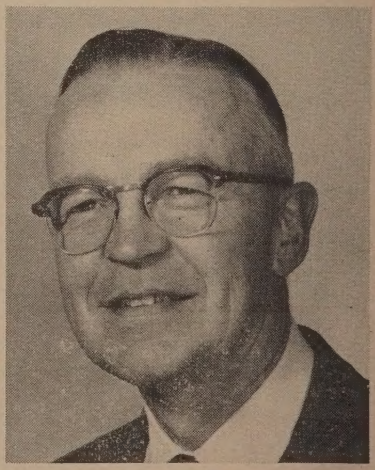
Laymen from surrounding churches will assist in the closing communion service when Dr. Dale Turner will bring the message and the Rev. Paul Davis and the Rev. Malcolm White will administer the Communion.

Reservations Essential

This being our first week-end Conference, there is no pattern to follow. Reservation cards have been sent to ministers and (or) Church Clerks. These must be returned by April 27 to insure arrangements for lodging and meals. Lodging in homes will be furnished for official delegates, and for visitors requesting it, if possible. It may be necessary to assign some visitors to private homes where families outside the Congregatonal Church are willing to open their homes at a nominal cost.

Those desiring hotel or motel reservations should make them direct; recommended places are listed on the Conference Program. Active lay participation in this first week-end conference is expected to set a precedent for future sessions. The Conference Moderator has written ministers and key laymen urging that pulpit supplies be arranged to make attendance of all ministers possible. Officers of the Laymen's Fellowship and Women's Fellowship are promoting attendance. The program arranged is "tops." Your host church is making careful plans for you. We hope to see you in Manhattan, May 4, 5 and 6.

William F. Keeney,
Host Pastor



Dr. Thomas P. Butcher
Conference Guest

Kansas Women's Fellowship

Mrs. Gordon Lancaster, President

"HEARTWARMERS"

To think that I hadn't visited a fellowship from January 4th to March 1st, made it really heartwarming.

To go to Kansas City Rosedale where the tea table shone with green satin in honor of St. Patrick. It was heartwarming to hear the reports of good missionary work done; to hear Retreat boosted, and to learn that they hope to have at least one carload in attendance.

To return to Carbondale and renew acquaintances with these neighbors. Good visiting with the women after the meeting and good tea and cookies.

To have a delicious luncheon with Officers at the McPherson parsonage and to have the chance to become better acquainted with these women who give their minds to the things we hope to accomplish. The afternoon meeting was excellent.

To go to Stanley for my fourth visit. We're getting to be old friends. Excellent cooks in Stanley and it was heartwarming to see their interest in taking a more active part in our State and National program.

To wend our way (my good husband drove for me on this 415 mile trip) thru snow, sleet and slush to Partridge March 15th. These ladies also fed us well. The last two chapters of "They Reach for Life" were well reviewed in the morning, and their Woman's Gift was dedicated in the afternoon. Two men (Julian and Gordon) present at this women's meeting - heartwarming.

To learn that the first five registrations for Retreat have been received by Frances Bartter. They came from KC First Pilgrim. These women are not waiting for anything - not even registration forms. They really want in that new dorm!

To learn that Miss Alice Huggins will return from a two month speaking tour in time to attend and speak at Retreat.

So much to warm our hearts.

To All C.C. Ministers in Kansas

A Word of Caution

There comes a time in every marriage, even those made in Heaven, when drastic action is called for. This time is plainly marked - it has symtoms, even as other maladies.

Concern for your marriage is not only the duty of us all (who all, you say?), but we go even further, to wit: we feel it our duty to point out some of the dangerous symptoms, and further still, the cure-all (ha-ha says you??)

Does you wife turn slightly green at your attempts at humor? Does she jump when the kids, the innocent little darlings, whoop and holler? Has this ever-lovin' partner of yours turned a little sour lately? Does she act as if washing dishes for six three times a day, year in and year out, is asking a trifle too much? Does she even act as if you are poison? These are danger signals and not to be ignored.

It's not necessary to call the doctor, although it may be if action isn't taken at once. What action? See below.

Go immedately to your office, start digging thru the pile of corruption on your desk and don't stop for a second until you find the registration blank for our first annual Retreat for CC women of Kansas. Put your dear wife's name on the dotted line, dig down

in the old jeans for two bucks, and send all to Mrs. Al Bartter, 208 S. Maple, McPherson. There isn't a minute to lose - do it now or you may have the house and kids on your hands permanently. No one can stand forever what you've been dishing out to her the past 15 years.

She's a pretty good sport. Give her a break.

—Vera Lancaster

Your Women's Fellowship and Christian Education

A woman's group in a church has a mission that no secular group can ever have, and as church women, we must be careful stewards of our time and talent. Christian Education and Family Life chairmen are privileged persons for they have in their area of work the means of bringing the Women's Fellowship closer to the program of the entire church. There is much overlapping of material and interests too and mission projects, program ideas, books, and visual aids may all be shared with other groups. Promote some of the Conference activities through your women's groups and enrich the total program of your church by your participation.

Family Camp

Has your church sent a family to the Estes Park Family Camp? This summer the dates are July 29 to August 4; Kansas and Nebraska are cooperating again with Rev. Edward Brantz of Nebraska as director. Get a program from your pastor and present the idea to the women. Many churches help with the expense so one of their families may have the experience of this enrichment of family living. The number of families who may attend is limited, so registration should be made soon.

Leadership Workshops

Women's groups also have an opportunity to cooperate with the series of leadership workshops to be conducted by Rev. Almeda Vickery, Curriculum Consultant of our Division of Christian Education. There are to be nine of these meetings in various parts of the state. The evening meeting is to be on "Missionary Education in the Local Church." Ask your pastor or church school superintendent for a program and help see that some of your leaders attend.

State Conference

The Rev. Walter Dobler, National Secretary of Adult Work and Family Life will be at State Conference. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn what can be done in this area in the local church. Mr. Dobler will also visit the churches participating in the "home-half" experiment.

Book Kits

The Book Kits which were on display at Garden City last year, are being well used by our churches. The Association Christian Education Secretaries have charge of the Kits and have found that churches make better use of the books if they may be kept two months. If your church would like to use one of these Kits, write to your association secretary and have her put you on the waiting list.

Ultimate Purpose

And let us keep before us our ultimate purpose, the deepening of our Christian spirit. The message of Christ is a message of peace, good will, and hope. It is our mission to proclaim it to the world.

Mrs. C. E. Georgeson

In Memory

As evidence of the love and respect of those who knew them, the following names have been added to the Women's Fellowship Memorial Fund Roll of Honor.

Mrs. Oma Thorpe
By Kinsley Ladies Society

Mrs. Pauline Moody
Mrs. Ina Gaffy
By Onaga Women's Fellowship

Miss Adelaide Morse
Mrs. R. B. Edwards
Mrs. E. T. Smales
By Emporia Women's Fellowship

Mrs. Mary Taylor
Mrs. Augusta Miller
Mrs. Ruth Willis
Mrs. Hila Chenoweth
Mrs. Anna Carlson
By Udall Women's Fellowship

Miss Coila Hodgson
By Little River Women's Fellowship

Mrs. Anna Wasmund
By Osborne Women's Fellowship

Mrs. Tom J. Van Wormer
By Osborne Women's Fellowship

Mrs. C. S. Kolb
Mrs. W. S. D. Hagan
Mrs. N. H. Buck
By Newton Women's Fellowship

Mrs. Carl F. Anderson
By McPherson Women's Fellowship

Alvina Louise Haggard
Lois Irene Zordal
Ivy Myrtle Gasser
By Gorham Women's Fellowship

Mrs. Dora Fritz
By Maize Women

Mrs. Thelma Wilson
Mrs. Jennie Shurtz
By Lenora Women's Fellowship

Rev. Malcolm Miller
Mr. and Mrs. Victor Syster
Mrs. Zella Andrews
Miss Estella Berger
Mrs. D. N. Graham
By Hiawatha Missionary Society

Mrs. Clista Vanderlip
By Ash Rock Missionary Society

Mrs. Lilian S. Kincaid
By Olathe Women

Mrs. B. F. Carter
Towanda Missionary Society

Mrs. Gladys Chandler
By K. C. Welborn Guild

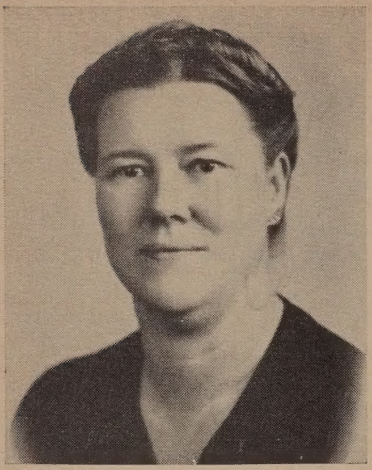
Miss Hattie Belle Evarts
Miss Berniece Fuller
Mrs. H. W. Seery
Topeka First Women's Federation

Mrs. Carrie Einhaus
Mrs. Elizabeth Wellman
Mrs. Mae Miller
Mrs. Catherine Dedrick
Mrs. Martha Sanders
Miss Florence Richter
By Wichita Plymouth Guild

Mrs. John Corkhill
By Dover Federated Missionary Society

Mrs. Drusilla Moses-Shinn
Ottawa Plymouth Circle
Mrs. H. L. Hunter
By Topeka Central Women's Society

Mrs. Walter Banze
Mrs. C. J. Jordan
Mrs. Charles Lee
Mrs. L. F. Wilson
By Great Bend Women's Fellowship



Rev. Almeda Vickery

Attend Leadership Workshops

Rev. Almeda C. Vickery, Curriculum Consultant on the staff of the Congregational Christian Division of Christian Education and the Pilgrim Press, will conduct a series of nine workshops in Kansas from April 18 to 27.

In addition to serving churches in Connecticut, Massachusetts and New York from 1931 to 1955, she has had experience on the faculty of many summer conferences and in teacher training institutes as well as being Instructor Practicum in the Field Work Department of Yale Divinity School for two years.

While in Connecticut, Miss Vickery had a weekly radio devotional service for seven years and acted as a hospital chaplain for eight years.

She is the daughter of missionaries to India and Maylasia and shares in their concern for the world mission of the church.

"What's Gotten Into Them?"

For an answer, turn to the International Journal of Religious Education for March, 1956, and read the article by Mrs. Bonnie Bess King and Mrs. Margaret Estes, both of our Lawrence Plymouth Church. You will be thrilled as you read the description of the learning experience of a class of Juniors as they studied with their teacher, Mrs. Estes, during the year, 1954-55. This is a report on teaching at its best.

GOD IN THE HOME
PEACE IN THE WORLD

May 6-13 is National Family Week, a time to think seriously on the above motto. Why not make this week a time to recognize the close relationship between the home and the life of the world and to acknowledge the source of the Christian family's unique power?

Invest Your Summer

Participation in work camps for High School and College age young people of our churches will pay rich dividends in knowledge, experience and friendships. Opportunities are available in many parts of the U. S. as well as in other countries. Of especial interest are the camps in Missouri and those on Indian Reservations in the Dakotas. Write to the Congregational Service Committee, 110 E. 29th Street, New York 16, N. Y. for particulars.

RESERVE YOUR CABIN NOW
AT ESTES PARK, COLORADO
For FAMILY CAMP
July 29 to August 4

Left to right (back row) Bill Bryant, Orville Hepler, Charles Burns, Claude Kezer, Ralph Kannarr, Clinton Pierce, Don Elson, Henry Burmeister, Wm. F. Keeney, Micky Mills. (Second row) Patty Phillips, Doris Wierenga, Marilyn Dean, Mary Mitchell, Janet Markley, Joan Kannarr Joyce Eastman, Marilyn Bryant. (Front row) Harold Kannarr Chick Rowse, Bob Furze, Bob Wilbur.

United Student Fellowship Conference

Yearly conferences are needed for college age youth groups, according to a decision reached by 29 representatives at a precedent setting conference in Manhattan, March 10 and 11. The delegates represented youth groups from Kansas State college, Manhattan; Kansas University, Lawrence; Topeka Central Church; and Wichita Plymouth Church. The United Student Fellowship of Kansas State was host for the conference held in the First Congregational Church.

The program consisted of discussions on religion, group problems, advantages and dis-advantages of annual conferences, devotions led by students, and group singing.

The delegates from Kanass State and Kansas University expressed a need for the local churches to know of the college youth group's activities. Orville Hepler, Assistant State Superintendent, suggested that the youth groups could use the Conference Office as a central point for finding who is attending the various colleges and universities. This would greatly aid these groups, in their work for the students.

The United Student Fellowship, with which both Kansas State and Kansas University are affiliated, is the national organization for college students of the Congregational-Christian Churches and the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

The delegates representing Wichita Plymouth Congregational Church, accepted the responsibility for next year's conference.

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Eighty-Fifth Anniversary

On March 18, Emporia Sardis, a rural church located in a Welsh Community four miles southwest of Emporia, celebrated their 85th anniversary with a special service and basket dinner in their newly decorated church basement. The Rev. Conrad Vandervelde supplies the church each Sunday.

Booster Club - Athol Church

This is the name chosen by 25 young married couples of Athol who are always ready to give a boost where needed. They serve lunch at farm sales, make candy and popcorn balls for the Church School treats at Christmas, and on "Shrove Tuesday" held their annual Pancake Supper. Comes time for Vacation Church School, they spark that program too.

Conference Gift

Two rare books that are out of print and difficult to find, have been purchased at a premium by Mrs. John W. Gibson and given to the Conference Library. They are "Pioneer Days in Kansas" and "Sermons" by Richard Cordley. Many thanks—Mrs. Gibson.

Yankton College Choir

Concerts by the Yankton Choir of 50 voices were sponsored by a number of our Kansas churches in March; Smith Center, Russell, Great Bend and Sabetha—there may be others. Words of highest praise have come to us about the wonderful concert presented by this group.

Gospel Reading at Lenora

The perfect beginning for the Lenten Season has been discovered by the Lenora Church. The five hour Gospel reading which was such a success last year was repeated on the first Sunday in Lent this year.

The reading began at ten in the morning and closed with communion at two thirty. There was no break in the service and people were encouraged to come and go during the hymns if they wished. About ninety people assisted in some part of the service and many more came. Quite a number remained during the entire five hours, following the reading in their own Bibles.

A committee appointed well ahead of time made very careful preparation The Primary Class was given a short passage to do as a group and all church school pupils, above the primary age, who wished to do so, were given readings suited for their age.

It was a serious service with no idea of doing anything spectacular. To read the Gospel Story in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, as an entire church, has been an experience of deep spiritual significance to the Lenora people.

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